



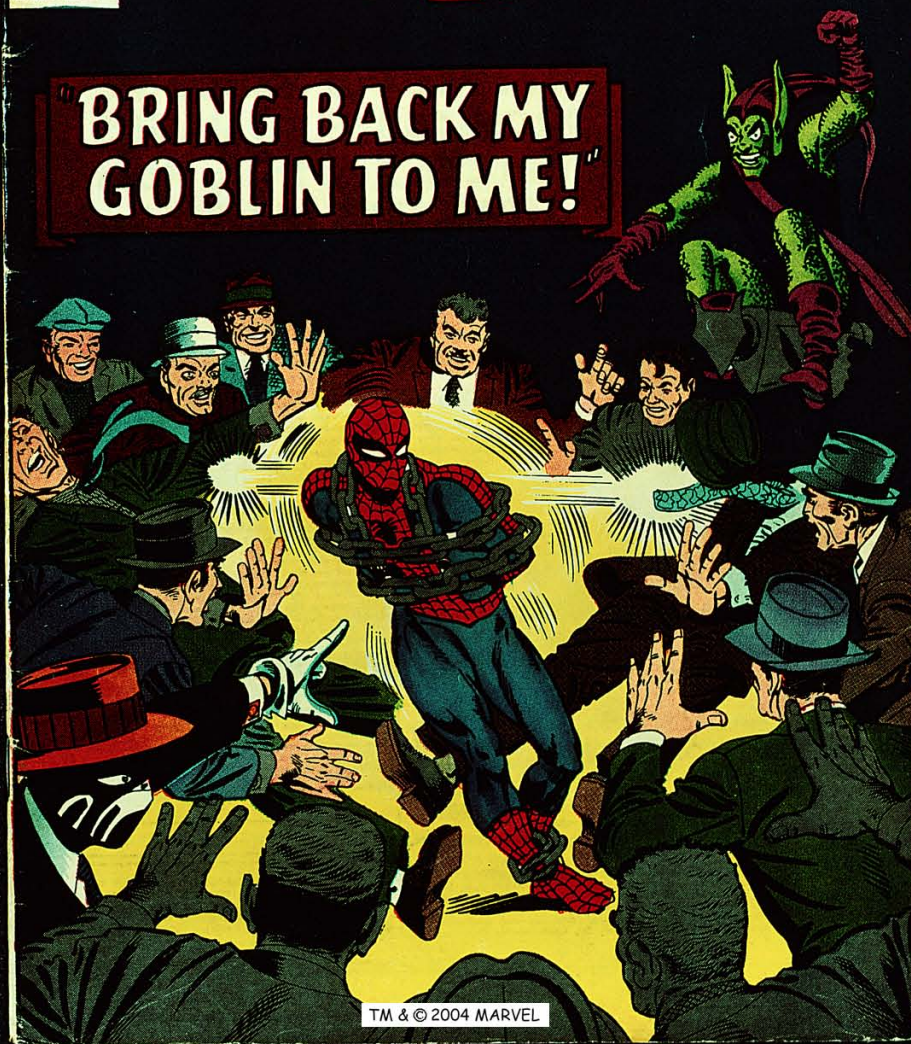
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SPIDER-MAN "BRING BACK MY GOBLIN TO ME!"

JUST AS THE MYSTERIOUS
CRIME-MASTER PREPARES
TO TAKE COMMAND OVER
THE CITY'S GANGS, A
STARTLING **INTERRUPTION**
TAKES PLACE, AS THE
GLOATING **GREEN GOBLIN**
BRINGS IN AN UNCONSCIOUS
PRISONER!

HOW'S THAT
FOR A ONE-
SENTENCE RESUME
OF LAST MONTH'S
20-PAGE
THRILLER??

I WARNED YOU THAT I'D
NEVER LET ANYONE ELSE
TAKE OVER AS **GANGLORD**
OF THE CITY! EVEN THE
CRIME-MASTER SHALL
SERVE THE **GREEN GOBLIN!**

THE **GOBLIN!!**
WITH **SPIDER-MAN**--
STILL ALIVE! BUT--
I THOUGHT I HAD
KILLED HIM!

SOME OF
YOU MEN,
GET UP
HERE! I
CAUGHT
SPIDER-MAN--
--NOW SEE
IF YOU CAN
HOLD HIM!



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YARN, THIS ONE IS FOR **YOU!** BUT,
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OF STORY, READ IT **ANYWAY!** IT MAY
JUST CHANGE YOUR MIND!

IMAGINE THE GOBLIN BEATIN' SPIDER-MAN! HEY, WHAT GIVES? THIS BLASTED MASK WON'T COME OFF!

FORGET IT! WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER! FIRST, GET 'IM CHAINED UP BEFORE HE COMES TO!



TOO BAD, MY DOUBLE-CROSSING FRIEND! THIS WILL KNOCK YOUR PLANS TO GET CONTROL OF THE MOBS INTO A COCKED HAT!

DON'T GET ON IT, GOBLIN! I'M NOT LICKED YET!



OH NO? TELL HIM HOW WRONG HE IS, MY NEW UNDERLINGS!

WE'RE TAKIN' ORDERS FROM THE GOBLIN, AN' NO ONE ELSE!

ANYONE WHO CAN CAPTURE SPIDER-MAN CAN BOSS ME AROUND ANY DAY!

GET LOST, MASKED MAN! YOU'RE A HAS BEEN AROUND HERE!



AND, AS THE MOBSTERS SHOUT, NONE PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ONE AMONG THEM KNOWN AS PATCH--THE POLICE INFORMER WE MET LAST ISSUE!

NOW THAT WE PICKED OUR NEW BOSS, LET'S FINISH OFF THAT WEBHEAD!

IT LOOKS BAD FOR SPIDER-MAN--UNLESS THE POLICE SHOW UP SOON! I WONDER IF THEY GOT MY TIP!



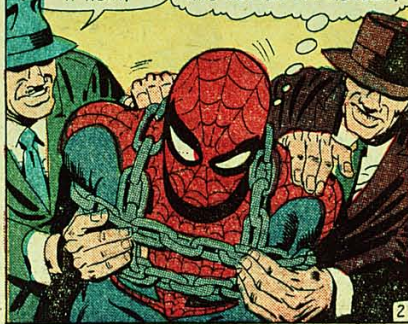
BRING HIM OVER HERE! WE'LL CELEBRATE MY NEW REIGN BY UN-MASKING HIM AND THEN FINISHING HIM OFF FOR GOOD!

JUST IN TIME, GOBLIN! HE'S WAKIN' UP!



BUT, WE GOT NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT LONG AS HE'S CHAINED GOOD 'N TIGHT!

THE GAS WHICH KNOCKED ME OUT IS FINALLY WEARING OFF! BUT, FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS AROUND HERE, I WAS BETTER OFF ASLEEP!



NEVER FORGET WHO IT WAS THAT DELIVERED A BEATEN SPIDER-MAN TO YOU, BOYS! AND NOW, LET'S GET HIS MASK OFF!

STOP SQUIRMIN', PUNK! YOU'RE BEAT, AND YOU KNOW IT!

WATCH IT, BLACKIE! HE'S BRACING HIMSELF--!



OOOF! YOU FOOLS! CAN'T YOU EVEN HOLD ONTO A MAN IN CHAINS??

AW, DON'T BE TOO ROUGH ON THEM, GOBBY! EVEN CHAINS CAN'T TAKE AWAY MY EVER-LOVIN' SPIDER-STRENGTH!

WHAK!



YOU CAN'T ESCAPE NOW!! ALL YOU'RE DOING IS DELAYING THE FINAL--LOOK OUT!!

THAT'S WHAT I WAS HOPING FOR!

YOU CLUMSY BUNGLER!! WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOING! YOUR SHOT ALMOST HIT ME!



AND YOU ALMOST GOT ME WITH THOSE BLAMED GOBLIN BLASTS OF YOURS!! IN THE MEANTIME, SPIDER-MAN DODGED US BOTH!



THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM! THEY'LL GET ME SOONER OR LATER, UNLESS I GET LUCKY!



AND THE WAY MY LUCK'S BEEN RUNNING LATELY, SOMEONE WOULD THINK I SPEND ALL MY TIME WALKIN' UNDER LADDERS AND BREAKING MIRRORS!!

I FEEL SOME SLACK IN THE CHAINS! WITH MY SPIDER STRENGTH, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SNAP THEM--BUT THEY'RE NOT GIVING ME A CHANCE!





BUT THEN, THE STROKE OF LUCK SPIDEY HAD HOPED FOR, BUT HADN'T DARED TO EXPECT, ACTUALLY HAPPENS! THREE OF THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN STATIONED OUTSIDE, HEARING THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE, COME CHARGING IN!!!



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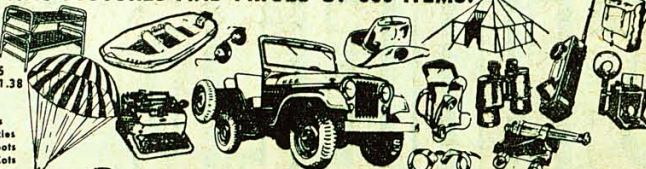
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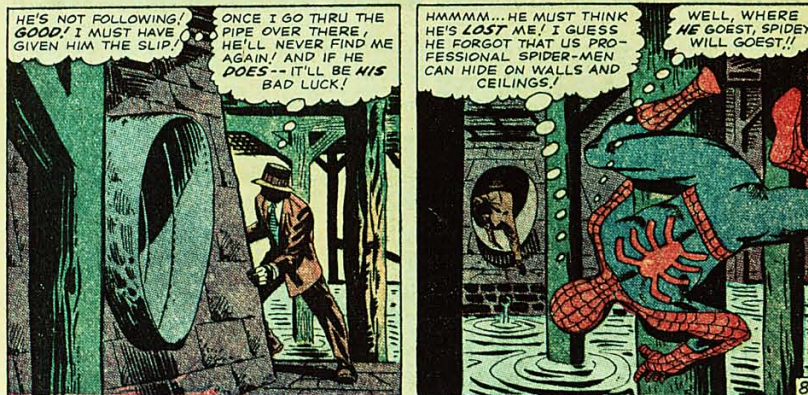
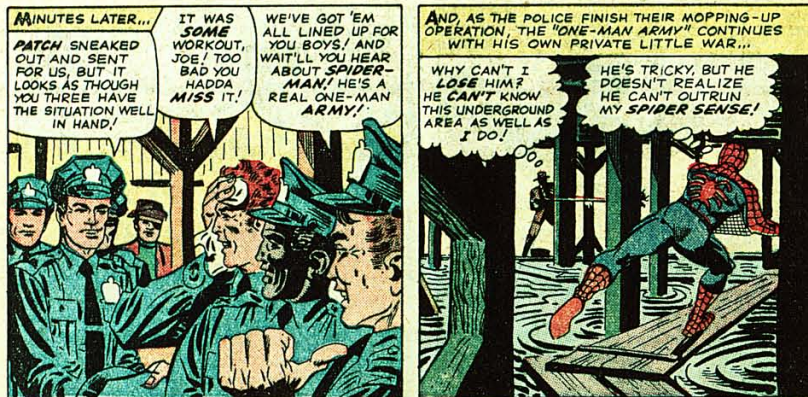
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— says N.J. FLEMING — YUBIWAZA MASTER

*(YUBIWAZA IS THE SECRET. AMAZINGLY EASY ART OF SELF-DEFENSE THAT TURNS JUST ONE FINGER OR YOUR HANDS INTO A POTENT WEAPON OF DEFENSE—WITHOUT ANY BODILY CONTACT...)

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WELL, WHERE HE GOES, SPIDEY WILL GOES!!

"I WEIGH ONLY 98 LBS. — YET I CAN PARALYZE A 200 POUND ATTACKER WITH JUST A FINGER — BECAUSE I KNOW YUBIWAZA!"

— says Yoshie Imanami —
Pretty Japanese wife of N.J. Fleming — Yubiwaza Master

can make him say "uncle" quickly — with the help of YUBIWAZA!

MASTER EVERY SITUATION!

Makes no mistake! The world is crowded with anti-social enemies who think nothing of sticking a knife into the ribs, or attacking peace-loving citizens just for the fun of it... or molesting boys and girls shamelessly. There is a crying need for a system of self-defense that relies on KNOWLEDGE, not big muscles or strength. That depends on TECHNIQUE — not on weight or size of bodies. That is based on simple TRAINING—not on illegal possession of weapons.

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BECOME A NEW MAN!

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I'M ALMOST THRU, BUT I'D BETTER PLAY IT SAFE, JUST IN CASE HE IS FOLLOWING SOMEWHERE BEHIND ME!



EVEN IF HE IS HIDDEN BEYOND THE CURVE OF THE PIPE, THIS NERVE GAS WILL FIND HIM AND RID ME OF HIM FOREVER!



JUST AS IT'LL DO TO THE GOBLIN WHEN NEXT WE MEET!

AND, A SHORT DISTANCE BEHIND...

UH OH! GAS FUMES! LOOKS LIKE I UNDERESTIMATED THAT MASKED MURDERER!



BUT, IF I MOVE FAST ENOUGH, I'LL BE ABLE TO FASHION A PROTECTIVE HELMET OUT OF MY WEBBING--LIKE THIS!



IT MAY NOT WIN FIRST PRIZE AT A FASHION SHOW, BUT IF I HOLD MY BREATH, IT'LL HELP ME TO MAKE IT THRU THE GAS!



WHEN! I HOPE IT'S NOT MUCH FURTHER! ALTHOUGH I'D NEVER ADMIT IT TO MY ENEMIES, I CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH FOREVER!

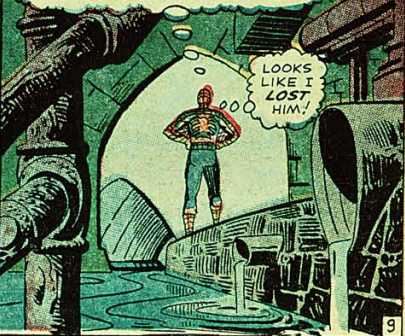


AHH! THAT LOOKS LIKE A GRATING JUST AHEAD!

WELL, WADDAYA KNOW! I'M SMACK DAB IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM! A PERFECT PLACE FOR A RAT LIKE THE CRIME-MASTER!!



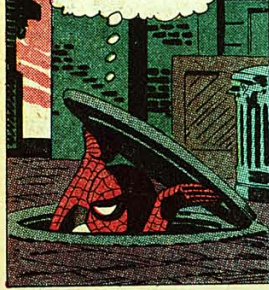
BUT, HE COULD HAVE FLED IN ANY ONE OF A DOZEN DIRECTIONS--AND ALL THE ON-RUSHING WATER IS TOO MUCH FOR MY SPIDER SENSE TO COPE WITH!



LOOKS LIKE I LOST HIM!

MINUTES LATER...

THIS MAY NOT DO MUCH FOR MY REP AS A GLAMOR BOY, BUT IT'S ONE WAY TO GET BACK TO THE SURFACE!



I'LL JUST DASH BACK TO THE PIER AND SEE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED SINCE I LEFT! PERHAPS I CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CRIME-MASTER THERE!



I'M TOO LATE! THERE GO THE LAST OF THE POLICE CARS NOW!



OH WELL! AT LEAST I HELPED ONE OF THE BIGGEST MASS ARRESTS IN YEARS!

BUT I STILL HAVE TO GET A LINE ON THE GOBLIN AND THE CRIME-MASTER!



AND, I STILL THINK FREDERICK FOSWELL IS THE KEY! I'LL JUST PAY A LITTLE VISIT TO HIS PLACE, AND SEE IF HE'S THERE!

EVERY TRAIL I'VE FOLLOWED--EVERY CLUE--EVERY LEAD--ALL SEEM TO POINT TO FOSWELL!



I'M CONVINCED HE'S MIXED UP IN ALL THIS SOMEHOW!

HIS APARTMENT'S DESERTED! BUT, HE WAS HERE BEFORE ME! HIS HAT WAS ON THE FLOOR LAST TIME *--AND NOW IT'S GONE!



*AS WE SAW IN ISSUE #26, REMEMBER?--STAN.

AND HERE'S MY SPIDER-PIN TRACING GIZMO! I DROPPED IT WHEN I WAS SHOT AT--SO, NOW I CAN'T TRACK HIM DOWN!



WELL, WHILE I'M HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL LOOK AROUND--!

THEN, AFTER AN INTENSIVE SEARCH...

HMMM... A CLOSET WITH A FALSE COMPARTMENT! IT'S EMPTY NOW, BUT IT'S A PERFECT PLACE TO HIDE A GOBLIN COSTUME, OR A CRIME-MASTER MASK!



HE'S GOT TO BE ONE OF THEM!

BUT, AS SPIDEY LEAVES AGAIN... I'LL RUSH TO JONAH'S OFFICE! MAYBE I'LL FIND FOSWELL THERE!



BAH! ANOTHER SECOND AND I'D HAVE HAD HIM!

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! FOSWELL'S NOT AT HIS DESK!



LOOKS LIKE I'VE REACHED A DEAD END!

WELL, EVEN IF HE *ISN'T* THE MAN I'D MOST LIKE TO BE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLE WITH, I THINK I'LL WARN JONAH ABOUT FOSWELL!



ANOTHER CRIME SPREE BY FOSWELL COULD RUIN JAMESON AND THE PAPER!

YOU! DON'T MAKE ANOTHER MOVE! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PRESS AN ALARM BUTTON, AND--!



RELAX, YOU OLD SKINFINT! I'M HERE TO *HELP* YOU! I WANT TO WARN YOU ABOUT FREDERICK FOSWELL! I'M SURE HE'S EITHER THE *GREEN GOBLIN* OR THE *CRIME-MASTER*!

YOU HELPING ME?? I'LL BELIEVE THAT WHEN I HEAR A DOG MEOW! AS FOR FOSWELL, YOU'RE DEAD WRONG AS USUAL! HE'S WORKING ON A SERIES OF CRIME ARTICLES FOR ME! WHAT *PROOF* DO YOU HAVE THAT HE'S GONE CROOKED AGAIN?



NO PROOF YET-- BUT I *KNOW* HE'S MIXED UP IN THIS BUSINESS SOMEHOW!

SURE HE IS--AS A *REPORTER* FOR ME!



MISS BRANT, SEND FOSWELL IN HERE AS SOON AS HE RETURNS!

HE JUST ENTERED NOW, SIR! I'LL TELL HIM--!

THAT REMINDS ME! I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO CALL BETTY BRANT FOR DAYS! I WONDER IF SHE'S ANGRY?

FOSWELL, THAT WEB-HEADED IDIOT CLAIMS YOU'VE *TURNED* TO CRIME AGAIN! HE SAYS YOU'RE EITHER THE *GOBLIN*, OR THE *CRIME-MASTER*!



NOT ME, MR. JAMESON! YOU KNOW I'M TOO SMART TO TAKE A CHANCE OF BECOMING A TWO-TIME LOSER!

WHAT DOES THAT PROVE! EVEN IF HE WAS CROOKED, HE WOULDN'T ADMIT IT!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN *KEEPING* YOURSELF WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT WORK, AND NOT AT HOME, FOSWELL?



LOOK, DO I HAVETA ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM HIM, MISTER JAMESON??

OF COURSE NOT! NOW GET BACK TO WORK-- I TRUST YOU!

BUT, BEFORE FOSWELL CAN LEAVE JONAH'S OFFICE, AN UNEXPECTED TABLEAU IS ABOUT TO TRANSPIRE ON THE ROOF ACROSS THE WAY...



THERE ARE SPIDER-MAN, JAMESON, AND FOSWELL, ALL TOGETHER IN ONE OFFICE!

WHAT A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO HAVE MY REVENGE! I'LL PICK ALL THREE OF THEM OFF FROM HERE!



DON'T DO IT, MISTER! WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! TURN AROUND, REAL SLOW--!



POLICE!! WHO TIPPED THEM OFF?? I--I CAN'T LET THEM TAKE ME!

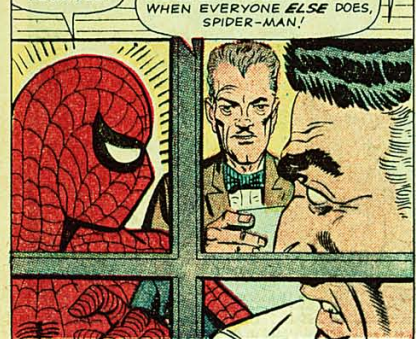
LISTEN!! GUNFIRE!! COMING FROM THE ROOF ACROSS THE WAY!



I WONDER WHAT THAT'S ALL ABOUT?

I CAN TELL YOU! IT'S THE END OF THE *CRIME-MASTER*!

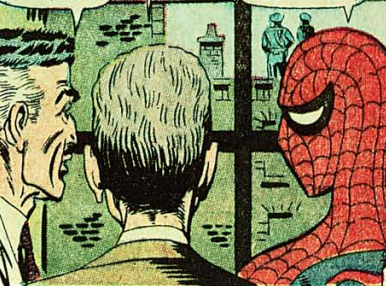
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THAT, FOSWELL?



I TOLD YOU HE'S BEEN WORKING ON A BIG CRIME STORY FOR ME!!

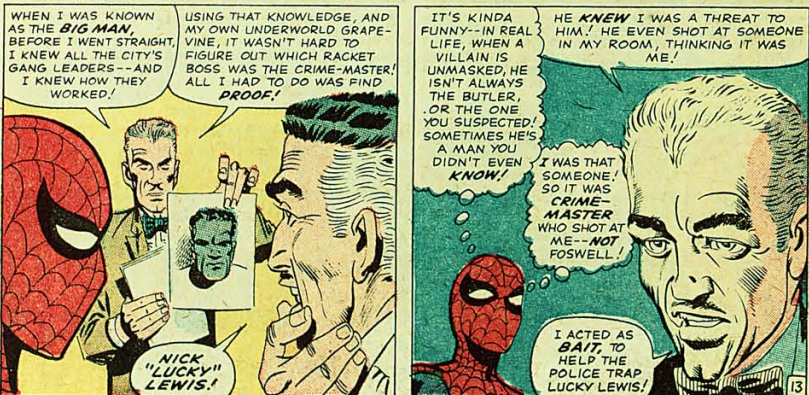
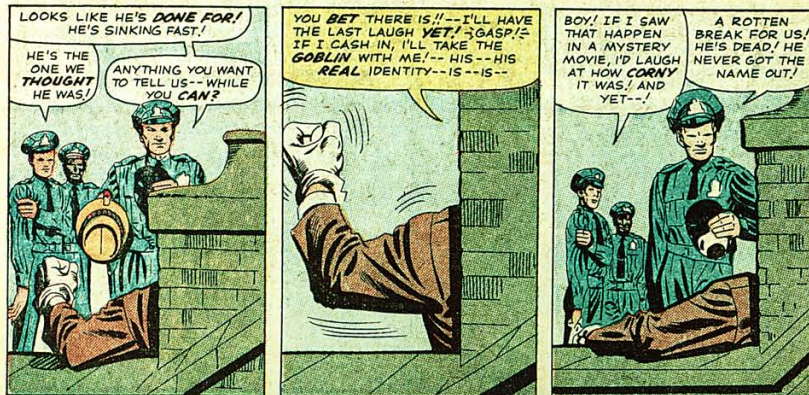
YOU'LL LEARN ALL ABOUT IT WHEN EVERYONE ELSE DOES, SPIDER-MAN!

THE SHOOTING STOPPED! WHOEVER THE POLICE WERE FIRING AT, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY GOT HIM!



I *KNEW* THE CRIME-MASTER WOULDN'T GIVE UP WITHOUT MAKING A *FIGHT* OF IT-- THE *FOOL*!

I HOPE HE'S ALIVE--AND ABLE TO TALK!



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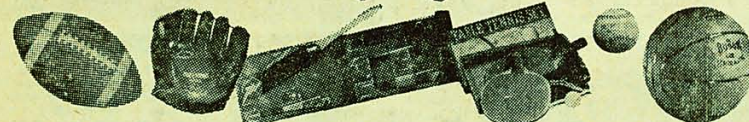
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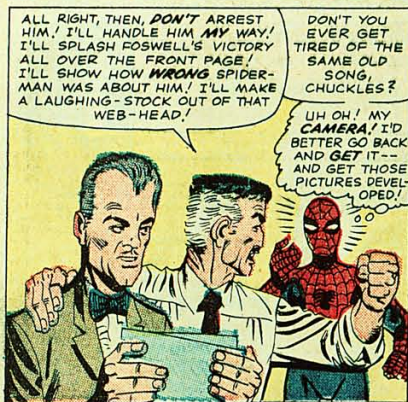
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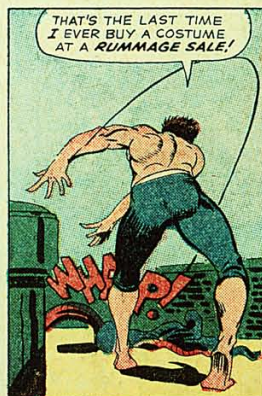
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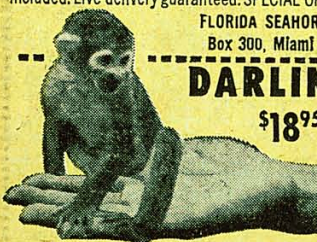
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WHAT A PLEASURE TO DO BUSINESS WITH A MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO SMILE!

OH, I WAS JUST LUCKY, I GUESS!

YOU CAN'T KID OL' BARNEY BUSHKIN, FELLA! HOW'D YOU DO IT? YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN THE RACKET'S GOT A FRIEND ON THE FORCE?

NO, HONEST -- I WAS JUST PASSING BY--!

AWW, C'MON, BABY! DON'T HOLD OUT ON OL' BUSHY! YOU CAN TELL ME! I WON'T BREATHE IT TO A SOUL!

THERE'S NOTHING TO TELL! IF YOU DON'T WANT THE PHOTOS--!

'COURSE I WANT THEM! BUT, TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOURSELF! WHAT KIND OF CAMERA DO YOU USE? WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR EXPERIENCE?

I'LL WRITE YOU A LETTER!

-WHEW!- WHAT A MOSY GUY! I'LL TAKE JONAH ANY TIME!

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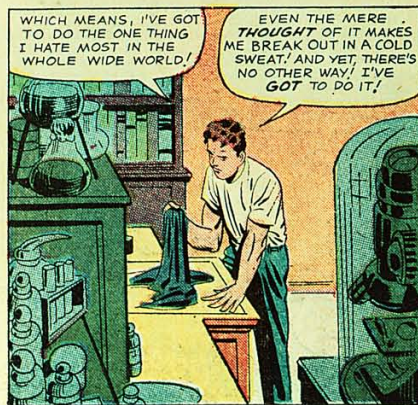
THAT WAS A GREAT SCOOP IN YOUR PAPER, J. J.!

IMAGINE! ONE OF YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES HELPING TO CAPTURE AND UNMASK THE CRIME-MASTER!

YOU MUST BE VERY PROUD OF FOSWELL, JAMESON!

FOSWELL? HE WAS JUST A COG IN THE WHEEL! I WAS THE MASTER PLANNER! THE ENTIRE CAPTURE OF THE CRIME-MASTER TOOK PLACE UNDER MY PERSONAL DIRECTION!

BUT MY OWN NATURAL MODESTY PREVENTS ME FROM BRAGGING ABOUT IT!





NOW, WITH THE CRIME-MASTER DEAD, IT'S SAFE FOR ME TO RETURN TO MY APARTMENT!



MY LITTLE DISGUISE HAS SERVED ME WELL! BUT, I WONDER IF I'LL EVER HAVE TO WEAR IT AGAIN!



IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO DANGEROUS FOR FREDERICK FOSWELL TO MINGLE WITH THE MOB, GAINING INFORMATION!

BUT, THE UNDERWORLD NEVER GUESSED THAT THE INFORMER WHO BETRAYED THEM WAS THE CHARACTER KNOWN AS-- PATCH!



MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN, ANOTHER MAN GAZES AT ANOTHER DISGUISE--WITH BURNING HATRED IN HIS EVIL HEART--!

ONCE AGAIN MY BRILLIANT PLANS HAVE BEEN THWARTED BY SPIDER-MAN!



HE HAS PROVEN TO BE MY GREATEST THREAT-- MY MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY! I'LL NEVER REST TILL I'VE DESTROYED HIM!

BUT, I'LL LAY LOW FOR A WHILE! I'LL WAIT TILL HE'S CONVINCED THAT I'VE GIVEN UP MY CRIME CAREER-- TILL HE'S VIRTUALLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME!

AND THEN-- WHEN HE LEAST EXPECTS IT-- I'LL STRIKE!



AND WHAT OF THE GOBLIN'S INTENDED VICTIM? WHO WOULD SUSPECT THAT, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, SPIDER-MAN HAS JUST FINISHED HIS THIRD BAG OF POPCORN?

HOW DID YOU LIKE THE MOVIE, AUNT MAY?

IT WAS DELIGHTFUL, PETER DEAR! I SIMPLY ADORE A MOVIE THAT MAKES ME CRY!



PERSONALLY, I LIKE A GOOD SLAM-BANG, DRAG-'EM-OUT ACTION PICTURE!

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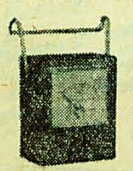
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Dear Stan and Steve,

Gosh oh mighty! We couldn't believe it! But there it was: in technicolor yet! An invitation in your February issue to join the Merry Marvel Marching Society! Us nuts here in the United States Army, One Hundred and Eighteenth (118) Band, are fighting the lonely war. We're stationed in Verdun, France, and things aren't as exciting for us as they are for the Fantastic Four, Spidey, and all the other super cats. And since we can't go to the bottom of the seas, or go to distant planets (because we can't get a leave from our C.O.), all we love to read about the exploits of our favorite heroes, and each month it's a race to see who gets the latest issue first. So, gang—keep up the good work. Enclosed you'll find the names of your loyal fans (you'll also find our hard earned money) for membership into the Merry Marvel Marching Society.

Robert A. Stillman, 118th Army Band
APO 122, New York, New York

You mean you don't get enough marching in the army, Bob? Oh well, some guys are never satisfied! By the time these imperishable words appear in print, you'll have already received your M.M.M.S. goodies, plus a complimentary subscription to Spidey, just because we've a soft spot in our hearts for service men who can't make it to the moon on account of their C.O. not giving them a leave! (It matches the soft spot which we've also got in our heads!)

THE BIGGEST NEWS YET! When mighty Marvel changes the line-ups in a couple of already successful titles, that's news! But when the changes are as great as these, that's a sensation! We'll give it to you fast, straight, and unvarnished—because nothing we can say could possibly add to the genuine luster of these two fabulous strips! Starting with the issues now on sale, **STRANGE TALES** will feature "Nick Fury, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.," while **TALES TO ASTONISH** stars "Prince Namor, the Sub-Mariner!" See what we mean? What more can we say, except—don't dare miss 'em!

Dear Stan and Steve,

From now on I beg of you not to let us Marvel fans know what a villain's scheme is until the hero himself finds out. This is the big mistake you made in Spider-Man #23. Right from the beginning the Goblin's scheme was realized. This killed all the suspense that could have been built up. So, instead of the reader watching the development of Green-Face's plan, he should have been concerned with what the plan was. Get the idea?

Tim Wise, 224 Arundel Rd.
Riviera Beach, Md. 21123

Wadaya mean get the idea? We wrote the idea, remember? Anyway, we thought that knowing Gobby's plan would make the story even more exciting! But apparently we guessed wrong! Or, did we? What do the rest of you Spider-Maniacs think?

Dear Stan and Steve,

There is a superstition that if someone squashes a spider with their little finger, money will soon be found. Please don't let this leak out to the Hulk! If so, please warn Spidey! Eric Ellis, Star Route
Lisbon, Maine 04250

Don't worry, Eric, that little gem of information won't reach the Hulk! We understand he cancelled his subscription to SPIDER-MAN only last week!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvelous Mags On Sale Right Now!

FANTASTIC FOUR #41: Is this the end of the fabulous F. F. at last? The mighty Thing has gone! The remaining three are on the verge of splitting up! And then, the most unexpected danger of all appears! This is truly Marvel's supreme achievement!

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THOR #18: For the first time in recorded history, Goldilocks faces a super-foe who is not only as strong as he—but actually STRONGER! Possibly the greatest new menace ever presented will meet your startled eyes in this epic-making issue!

STRANGE TALES #135: The secret's out at last! Mighty Marvel has bowed to your demands! This will be a collector's item before the year's end, for it features the start of the most off-beat series of all: Nick Fury, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. Written by our leader, and drawn by King Kirby! "Nuff said!

SUSPENSE #68: Iron Man stars in "If a Man Be Mad!" Captain America thrills you again in "Lest Tyranny Triumph!" Without bragging, without fanfare, we can honestly say that this issue reaches a new height of pictorial perfection!

ASTONISH #70: Burying on the scene with the shock of a thunderclap comes the most famous hero-villain of all time—Sub-Mariner, beginning the most dramatic, spectacular series yet! We predict that the powerful combo of Prince Namor, followed by the incredible Hulk, will make ASTONISH the fastest Marvel sell-out of the month!

SGT. FURY #20: We promised they'd be back, and here they are! The Fantastic Blitz Squad of Baron Strucker returns for the most exciting hand-to-hand battle with the Howlers that we've ever presented! It's a real combat shocker!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Right now you are probably up to your necks in fan mail and I think it is about time someone showed some appreciation for all the hours you spend on it. For me the highlight of each ish of Spider-Man is the letter page. I remember a little while back you wanted to drop the letter page from Spider-Man due to the time and effort it took to prepare it. However, considering the wishes of your fans, as usual, you kept it. This wasn't necessary (your mags are so great that everyone would keep on buying them anyway) but you did it to please us. Now you have come up with a letter page in all your great mags. It just goes to show how much you think of us, and you can believe me it is appreciated out here in Marvel Land. Just so

you don't get swelled heads after all that praise, I've got a gripe. It's time to share that heading "THE WORLD'S GREATEST COMIC MAG" on the FF. The FF is great but it has a rival. In my humble opinion Spidey is equally great... which brings me to my point. You once stated that you would take a poll at the drop of a hat, so catch mine. Once a year (starting now) you could take a poll of all your mags to see which one is the most popular. The winner would earn the right to wear the title "THE WORLD'S GREATEST COMIC MAG" for a year. You could even give a "no-prize" (wish I had one) to the reader with the best reason for liking his favorite mag. I bet Spidey would win with Daredevil running a close second. One last thing, who writes the answers to our letters, Stan and Steve or the editor?

Freddy Adams, 3606 Pelzer Ave.
Montgomery, Ala.

Didn't you know, Fred? Stan is the editor, and these letters pages are strictly his babies! The gang in the bullpen all join in reading your masterful missives, and then they go out to clown around, leaving handsome heroic, hard-working Stan to write these wondrous words! (And just guess who wrote that last sentence!)

—THE INSIDE SCOOP! Our eagerly-awaited SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #2 goes on sale early in July, as we told you last ish! But, this time it'll feature some of our most off-requested REPRINT material, plus a brand-new, swingin', never-before-published Spidey yarn! Let's see anyone beat THAT set-up! More info next ish—as soon as WE find out!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Greetings from the first Spider-Man fan club in Bangkok, Thailand (at least I think it is.) Our favorites are 1) SPIDER-MAN, 2) X-MEN, 3) SUSPENSE, 4) AVENGERS, 5) FANTASTIC FOUR, 6) THOR, 7) ASTONISH, and 8) STRANGE TALES. The reason we didn't include SGT. FURY and DAREDEVIL is that we don't get any of them here. There are five people in the club and we are all going to join the MMS as soon as we can get a new member. Join of us think that Doc Ock and the Green Goblin are Spider-Man's greatest foes. One problem that we have here is that comics cost four and five baht (20 and 25 cents) and since Thai labor is so cheap, you can't earn it mowing lawns or delivering papers. Keep up the good work, and as Spidey would say, Nuff Webbed!

David Miller, c/o Lt. Col. F. L. Miller
5th RRU APO San Francisco, Calif. 96346

Any frantic fans who constantly spend four and five baht in far-off Thailand for our Marvel masterpieces deserve a break, Dave! So, we'll see if we can rustle up a few bonus mags to send you. (But we hope this doesn't start a mass exodus of our readers to Bangkok—we haven't that many extra issues around!)

—By the way, have you noticed the startling new developments in the "FANTASTIC FOUR"? To paraphrase the old-time song, "That ol' orange Thing just ain't what he used to be!" Lateley, fans have been claiming that "The World's Greatest Comic Magazine" has been even greater than ever! So, be sure to latch onto a copy and share with us the thrills and surprises which our most famous companion mag has in store for you! Although we flip over all our Marvel mags, we have to admit that our two first-born babies, F.F. and SPIDEY, still hold a very special spot in our hearts!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I have read ish #23, which was marvelous. In this issue I would say Fredrick Fosswell became good friends with the Green Goblin because everything Gobby know, Fosswell knew also. Fosswell could not be the Goblin because when the Goblin was first introduced Fosswell was probably still in jail. In school for mid-term exams (art) I drew what I thought was the Spider beam and called it the sign of the Spider. One question I have is why does the Goblin use his glider instead of his jet broomstick (ish #14) which could hold more weight?

Dave Dzubinski, 2815 Boston Blvd.
Lansing, Mich.

It's amazing how our readers seem to know more about our own mags than we do! Was Fosswell still in jail when Gobby was introduced? We didn't know? And,

can Gobby's jet broomstick carry more weight than his jet glider? Nobody told us! And another thing, Dave—what happened to the spider-beam you drew in art school? You've got us all up in the air!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I have just finished the "Return of the Green Goblin." It was far better than the first Green Goblin mostly because the Hulk was not present. Not that I have anything against the Jolly Green Giant, but don't you think that one Jolly Green Something is enough for one story? I think that for fun I'll hazard a few guesses at who the Goblin is. 1) The Director of the picture, because in both stories the Goblin is connected in some ways with the motion picture industry. Most likely he is another prop artist like Mysterio. 2) If it weren't so improbable I would say J.J.J., or the crook on page 8, but both have alibis. J.J.J. was at the fan meeting and unless the crook is a quick-change artist he is ruled out because of the color of the coat he was wearing. (Unless Steve has been goofing again and forgot to draw the lines in the suit.) The only other side person was Mr. Hilton, Liz's father. It just so happens that I have a grudge against that blonde-haired vamp and if the Goblin's alter ego didn't act as if the meeting was a surprise to him he would have been a likely suspect. 3) Of all his foes only Mysterio or the Chameleon would be likely suspects. The Chameleon is a master of disguise and the role would appeal to him. Mysterio would fit into the part perfectly. He has worked in the movies, which would explain his gadgets and the fact that the first story was centered around a movie and the occurrence of a movie set in the second story. That's my hunches and most likely they are all wrong. I just saw the Marvel annuals. In the Spidey annual, you seem to be selling Steve Ditko. Every other word was "the usual Ditko style." I saw your mug file in the Marvel annual and I bet you can't guess what it reminded me of? It took me five minutes before I knew what. Did anyone ever follow that your group picture looked like Al Capone's mob?

George Hagenauer, 10204 St. Lawrence Ave.
Chicago 24, Ill. 60628

Okay, smart guy! Just for that we won't tell you *who* the Green Goblin is! And what makes you think you'd like our mags any better if they were drawn by bathing beauties? (Although, come to think of it, Georgie, we might like it better!)

Dear Stan and Steve,

Spider-Man is not the most human Marvel hero! Peter Parker is! No matter how ridiculous Spidey's exploits become (and some of them have been kind of awful) Peter has the same old problem that two billion people have: how to get other people to like them. Readers tend to identify with Pete because of this. Contrary to popular opinion, your stuff is not quite as good as Shakespeare or Homer—but then, they couldn't draw very well, either! I think the idea of Pete "popping his cork" is a stroke of genius. If Cap America can fight communism, why can't Spidey do his bit for mental health? I've got a question. How come subscriptions are more expensive than buying single issues? Most comics give a discount (I know—you're not like other companies.) I would subscribe if it weren't for the extra cost.

Jeann Willtrout, 1006 W. 19th

Austin 1, Texas, 78701

The truth sounds so unbelievable that we hate to say it, Jean! We actually would prefer our fans not to subscribe! We feel a certain loyalty to the newsdealers who display and sell our mags thruout the free world, and every subscription means one less sale for some newsstand. So, we merely offer our subs as a convenience to readers, but just between us—we're not pushing them! Okay?

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